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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
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E. O. 11652: NGDS

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SUBJECT: AEC/ERDA TECHNICAL TEAM VISIT

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES THE SUGGESTED VISIT OF THE AEC/ERDA TEAM, BUT HAS SOME DOUBT AS TO THE SIZE OF THE GROUP AND DURATION OF STAY. PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES PRESENCE OF ONE VISITOR, SUCH AS THE AEC'S DR. JAMES MCNALLY WHO WAS HERE TO BACKSTOP US DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, BEST SUITS OUR PURPOSE. FURTHERMORE, ALTHOUGH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ARRANGE A VISIT --AND THINK ONE WOULD BE USEFUL-- TO INDIAN NUCLEAR FACILITIES FOR ONE VISITOR AS WE DID ON MCNALLY'S DEPARTURE, WE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO ADVANCE SUCH A PROPOSAL FOR A GROUP VISIT, AND BELIEVE THE INDIANS MIGHT WONDER WHAT WE WERE UP TO IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE EMBASSY INCLUDE:
(1) UPDATING ON PROBLEMS OF EXPORT CONTROLS, PARTICULARLY AS THEY MAY RELATE TO THE MAY NPT REVIEW, AND (2) ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT ECONOMICS OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AS COMPARED TO FOSSIL FUEL PLANTS.

3. WE BELIEVE THE SUBJECTS MENTIONED IN THE REFERENCE PLUS THOSE IN WHICH WE HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST COULD PROBABLY BE COVERED IN ONE DAY OF CONSULTATIONS WITH ONE TEAM MEMBER. IF THAT MEMBER WERE INTERESTED WE WOULD

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ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A DAY AT THE INDIAN AEC INSTALLATIONS

IN BOMBAY. WE WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT ANY VISIT TO NEW
DELHI COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL AT LEAST FEBRUARY 11 SO
THAT THE SCIENCE COUNSELOR COULD PARTICIPATE.

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